THE DAILY INDEPENDENT.

VOL. 4. NO. 233 MONESSEN, PA., MONDAY, APRIL 2, 1906. SIX CENTS THE WEEK

MONESSEN OPERA HOUSE.

Great Scenic and Electrical Effects **THE FATAL WEDDINNG** By Theo. Kremer

Introducing GUSSIE SHIRES, The Clever Child Actress, also

THE FAMOUS SINGING N. Y. CHOIR BOY "MASTER JAMES FOX"

WED. APRIL 4

TOWN IS HEALTHY.

After Complete Inspection Secretary of Board of Health Finds But Two Cases of Persons Seriously Ill.

A. L. Arner, secretary of the Board of Health, has just completed a thorough inspection of the town for the last month and reports that the town is in an unusually healthy condition. Mr. Arner has inaugurated a general cleaning and will enforce every ordinance which tends toward making a clean town, extra precautions having been taken against the accumulation of filth.

Mr. Arner reports but two cases of contagious diseases, one of diphtheria No. 451 Clarendon avenue, from which the child of Robt. Johnson is suffering and Gustave Kurrell of Park Way, who is ill of typhoid. are now enjoy

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LITTLE MOVING

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Jones, Kate Eggers, Elizabeth Crosshore and Messrs. Donald Goslyn, Arnold Boltz and Chas. Graham from Belle Vernon and Florence Beggs of Allegheny;

Maccabee Rally.

The Grand Commander, Elizabeth E. Brown and Great Record Keeper, Nellie E. Sansburg, will hold a school of instruction and rally at Charleroi, Friday afternoon, April 6, 1906, at 2 o'clock and we invite and urge all members of Monessen Hive No. 184 to attend this meeting, if possible bring candidates to be initiated. Hoping to meet all the members

I am Yours Fraternally,

PRISCILLA JENKINS,

Record Keeper, Ladies of the Maccabees, No. 184.

Will Move Jewelry Store.

H. Porter, the Schoonmaker avenue jewelry will the first of April, remove his jeweler store from its present location to the room formerly occupied by Wilson & Grable Shoe Store. Mr. Porter will remodel the building and add to his already large stock of jewelry and musical instruments and will then be in a position to suit the tastes of the most fastidious.

Just one Mi-o-na tablet before meals and your stomach troubles will be a thing of the past. 50c if it cures, nothing if it fails. Miller's Pharmacy guarantees.

INTERESTING NEWS

Gathered by Our Reporters in Monessen and Vicinity.

Chicken and waffles Saturday evening.

Doc Mytord is in Buffalo, N. Y. on business.

Elmer Pyle spent Sunday with friends in Pittsburg.

A fine assortment of cigars at Daniel's Drug Store.

Ed. Pittman was visiting friends in Pittsburg Sunday.

Ed. P. Kolb, of Pittsburg, is calling on friends in town today.

Our stationery will please you—Daniel's Drug Store.

Wait for Corrigan Sisters' Annual Easter Opening, April, 5, 6, 7. 33-4t

Mrs. Max Janovitz is in Pittsburg today consulting an eye specialist.

How Is Your Blood?—Time to take Ton-ol—Kirk's Drug Store.

F. P. Noel was in Washington and Canonsburg today on business.

Prescriptions receive prompt and careful attention at Daniel's Drug Store.

Miss Hattie Penman spent Sunday with her mother at Elizabeth.

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Mr. and Mrs. Julian Panecook were visiting friends in Charleroi Saturday evening.

Life like portraits painted in oil, any size, durable and cheap. A. Davenport, 301 Sixth street.

Thos. Conroy, night man at the freight station, spent Sunday with his parents at Pittsburg.

Dr. Barben, Dentist—Don't neglect your teeth, call phone 53 L and make engagement.

Geo Nash, Jr. has returned home from Claysville, after a week's visit with friends there.

Corrigan Sisters are showing more select lines at their opening this year than ever before. 33-4t

Perfumes—Delicate, but lasting. You can get Wright's Palmer's or Colgate's at LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

Miss Mamie Knight, of Fayette City, spent Sunday with her friend, Miss Estella Brightwell.

Corrigan Sisters' Annual Easter Opening Thursday, Friday and Saturday Don't forget to attend. 33-4.

Baby's Friend—We're a good friend to the little fellow—we keep everything he needs—LIGHT'S DRUG STORE.

John S. Martz, the contractor who is at present at Ellsworth, spent Sunday with his family in town.

POST OFFICE REMOVED.

Location Changed to New Bank Building at Sixth and Donner.—Change Made Saturday Night.

"April Fool" was what greeted them who unknowingly or unmindful attempted to as usual enter the Post Office yesterday at the old location although notice had been given, quite a number made themselves the target of the youngsters shrill "April Fool,s" as they tried in vain to gain admittance at the old stand for Uncle Sam was taking a day off as far as handing out mail was concerned.

Saturday evening according to instructions from the Post office department at Washington the work of moving the office to its new home at Sixth street began and all day yesterday was consumed in getting things arranged satisfactorily.

Although the office was ready for opening this morning it will be several days before it is just as Post Master Frye would like to have it. Mr. Frye, as are the authorities at Washington, is particularly pleased with the room and location and so expressed himself today. However he says he's glad "moving's over".

ENTERTAINED AT LUNCHEON.

Pretty Social Function at the Home of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hill Saturday Evening.

Mrs. Alfred Hill entertained at a pretty luncheon Saturday evening at her home on Donner avenue in honor of Misses Lee McClain, Etta Johnson and Etta Viola Dillon. The evening was spent at popular games, many of which were both extremely amusing and interesting. An elegant luncheon was served about 11:30. The dining room was tastefully and handsomely decorated, the color scenes being green and white. Carnations were also much in evidence. During the evening music was furnished by several of the guests. Those present besides the guests of honor were Misses Ella Elliot, Maude McClain, Bertha McCabe, Harriet Watson, Louise Brayton, Messrs. Prof J. V. Adams, Prof Howard Hake, Oliver Howes, James Farb, Chas. Bolig, H. E. Lackey, Ferd Cooper.

New Proprietor Takes Charge.

P. W. Edgerton, the new proprietor of the Grand Hotel, arrived in town yesterday and this morning assumed active management. Mr. Edgerton comes from Pittsburg having been engaged in the Hotel Business there for a number of years and his experience coupled with his gentle disposition and hearty obliging manner assure Monessen a first class hostelry. Mr. Schade will return to Irwin in a few days and as yet has made no arrangements for the future.

Mr. Neil McGinley, of Braddock, who has purchased the Merchants Hotel will take charge the first of May. Mr. Baugham will retain the management until then.

The Duquesne Hotel also changes hands tomorrow. Mr. Albert W. Phillips bar of New Kensington have been granted a transfer and the new proprietor will take charge tomorrow.

Wanted.

The prize shooting gallery wants 500 men to contest for the handsome decorated clock they will award to the one making the highest score this week. Drop in and take a look at it anyway.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Attend the Annual Easter Opening at Corrigan Sisters, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week. 33 4t

Wm. Roberts, of Scranton, is visiting at the home of his uncle, Mr. Dan T. Harris on Schoonmaker avenue.

Connellsville is to have a new fire department, which will be organized at the meeting of council this evening.

Mr. John Locke is lying at the point of death at the home of his daughter, Miss Catharine Locke, on Donner avenue.

The two weeks-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Watkins, of McMahan Boro, was buried Saturday in Grandview cemetery.

All members of Ben Hur are requested to be present at the meeting in Kelly's hall tomorrow evening, as business of importance is to be transacted.

Things were quiet in police circles Saturday and Sunday, as with the exception of two or three drunks who paid small fines, no arrests were made.

Miss Ada Crobb, of Uniontown, and Mr. Sam Gibson, of Charleroi, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Miller, on Schoonmaker avenue

Mr. and Mrs R. C. Campbell, of California and Miss Jeannette Campbell, of Charleroi, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Grable over Sunday.

At a meeting of the management of the Uniontown club of the Pennsylvania, Ohio & Maryland league, it was decided to withdraw and disband without further delay.

Chuck, Red, Mick, Harp, Babe, Trotter, Dutch, Mooney, Sager and Humane Shovel were the names given by a number of Monessen young men, who spent a part of Sunday in Webster.

Miss Maude Markell, who is attending Wilson college, is home for her Easter vacation. Her mother, Mrs. W. A. Markell met her in Pittsburg last week and together they attended the Grand Opera.

Lecture.

There will be a lecture given by the Franchise Department of the W. C. T. U. in the M. E. church, April 12, 1906, at 8 p. m., admission 25c.

IMPURE DRUGS MAKE HIGH DOCTOR BILLS

Give, your doctor the very best aid by getting your prescriptions filled where you know they will be filled with pure drugs and by competent men. Even the best doctors cannot cure you with below strength and impure drugs, then too, unskillful ways of compounding drugs will spoil even the purest.

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See E. JEFFRIES.

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Removal Sale

S. B. CORN will have a removal sale commencing Monday

Bargains in medium weight dry goods.
Bargains in shoes and rubbers
Bargains in ladies' skirts and shirt waists.
Bargains in granite ware.
Bargains in dishes.
Bargains in looking glasses and pictures.
Bargains in lace curtains and household goods of many kinds.

Remember the the place

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Crabs Helped In Rabbit Hunt.

On a property where the rabbit shooting was strictly preserved upon the southern coast of England a boy was caught with two dead rabbits in his possession and nothing that would account for their decease. A search of his pocket revealed nothing but two live crabs of small dimensions, the end of a candle and a box of matches Under promise of release the urchin was persuaded to disclose his method of procedure. First he selected a likely burrow and then stripped off his clothes, putting his coat over one hole, his trousers over another and his shirt over the third. He lit the candle end, dropped a little grease upon the crab's back and stuck the lighted candle thereon and then put the crab at an unoccupied opening. Straightway the frightened torchbearer fled sideways into the darkness and explored the innermost depths, while the boy, expectant as a terrier, awaited events outside. Presently a rabbit bolted into the coat. As it did so that boy was after it like a shot, and boy, rabbit and coat all rolled over together, the boy rising from the fray with the rabbit in his clutches.—Korea News.

Priceless, Yet Costless—Pure Air.

There is no menace to vitality and to the sum and the value of the products of vital energy so continuously imminent, so insidious, so effectively active as are the invisible wastes of the body. The dead by the weapons of the world's battlefields are few compared with those whose lives have been either blighted or prematurely ended because of failure to maintain the body in a correct relation to the atmospheric source of abundant energy waiting to be transformed into vital force and who have died for want of proper breath. He who would live at his best must breathe air at its purest There is no material necessity to life greater than that of pure air. There is nothing so priceless and yet so costless as air. There is no financial investment which does or can yield so sure and so large returns as money wisely expended for pure air.—Professor S. H. Woodbridge in Good Housekeeping.

Villages That Cut Corks.

Thousands of men, women and children in the mountains of Spain and Portugal are employed in cutting cork. It is a domestic trade, and it occupies whole villages. Agents from the factories and export houses of Seville and Lisbon go through the mountain villages each year buying up the corks in enormous quantities. It is not unusual for an agent to purchase 5,000,000 on one journey. The corks as purchased in the native villages are of all sizes and qualities. They are sorted in the cities and, after being packed, are shipped by the ton. Once here many of them are recut by hand at the rate of twenty gross a day So fastidious are some bottlers that the cork importers have to keep in their employment several cork cutters to recut such corks as do not suit customers.

Arabs and Portraits.

An artist who found it difficult to get pictures of Arabs in Morocco writes: I once tried to sketch some Arabs in Algiers. They constantly evaded me, and at last an old Moor, with whom we were on the friendly terms produced by constant bargaining for embroidered rags, spoke to me on the matter like a father, for my good. 'It is not,' he said, 'that any harm will ensue to those whose picture you make. It is you yourself will suffer inconvenience in the next world. Allah will say to you: "Following your own will and pleasure, you have made those figures now command you give them souls." And where, my friend, will you be then?' "

Woman Was Made From an Elm Stick

In the Scandinavian myth of the origin of woman Odin, Vili and Ve, the three sons of Bor, were walking along the sea beach when they found two sticks of wood, one of ash and one of elm. Odin and his brothers were gods, of course, but the sight of the stick caused them to wish that they could carve other gods from the inanimate wood. They forthwith set about the task, with the result that they made a living man out of the ash stick and a female, being in godlike form, equally as lively as the man, out of the elm billet.

Injurious to the Memory.

Besides inattentive reading there are other things injurious to memory. One the habit of skimming over newspapers, all in a confused jumble, never to thought of again, thus diligently vating a habit of careless reading to break, says Home Chat. An- r is the reading of trashy novels ing is so fatal to reading with t as the habit of running through ory after story and forgetting them soon as read.

Everybody Likes Good Pie

There is no longer any excuse for poor pies on your table, as you should follow the lead of thousands and use D-Zerta Quick Pudding as a filling for pies. Try this recipe

D-Zerta Chocolate Cream Pie.

Prepare a package of D-Zerta Chocolate Pudding according to directions on package, adding one-half cup of sugar. Put in crust which has been baked. Cover with meringue made with the whites of two eggs. This makes two large pies or three small ones.

All the five flavors—Lemon Tapioca, Vanilla Orange-Macaroon, Chocolate and Strawberry, can be used in the same way, and bananas, cocoanut etc. added as desired. D-Zerta Quick Pudding is also used as a cake filling and for a pudding dessert. Simply add a quart of milk to contents of one packagd, bring to a boil, cool and serve with cream and sugar. Order from your grocer, 10 cents per package

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For Brownsville and intermediate stations 6:30, 8:01, 9:58, a. m., 12:36, 2:52, 5:07, 8:58, p m, f11:15 night week days. Sundays 8:46, 11:25 a. m., 3:02, 6:51, 11:40 p. m.

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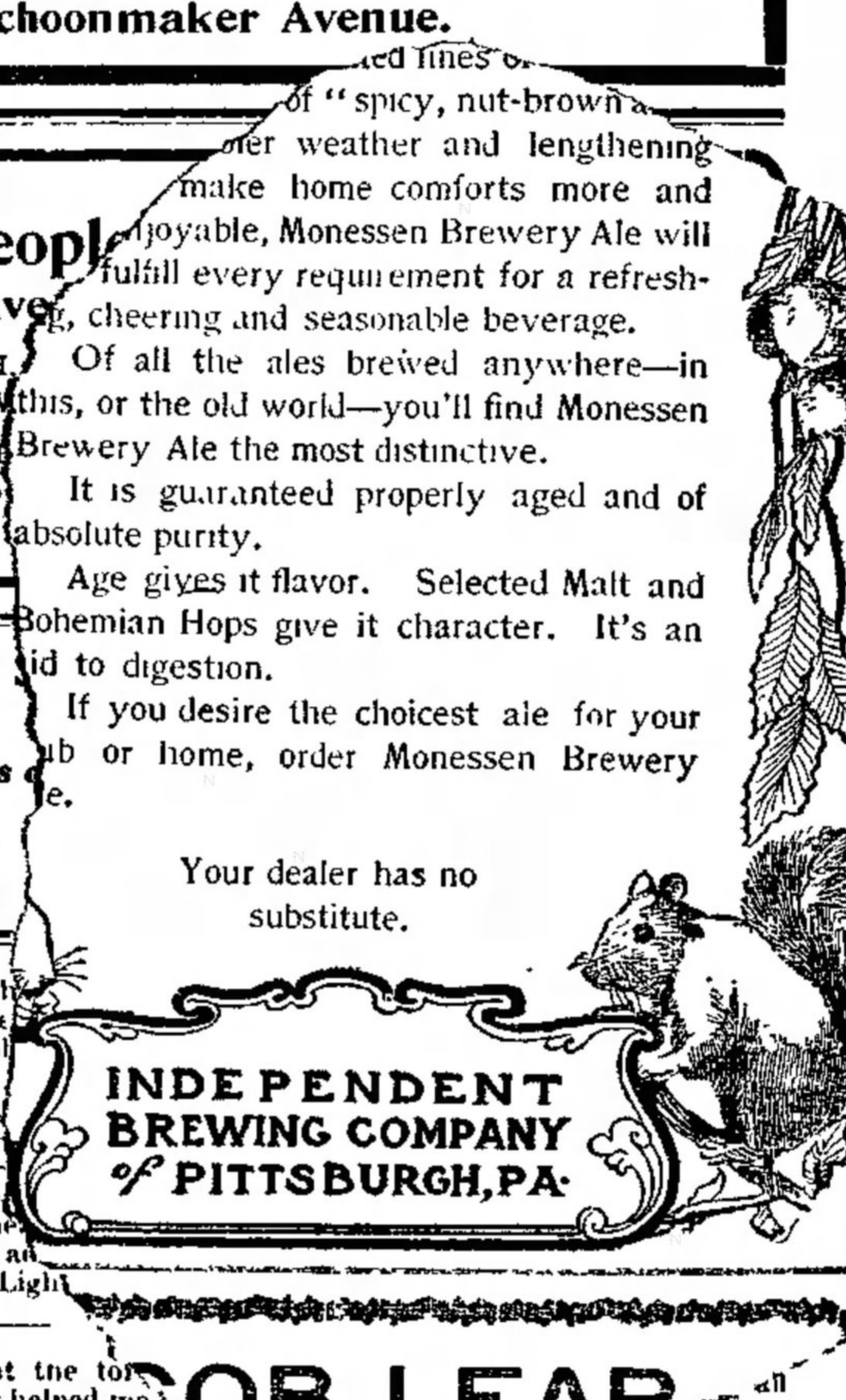

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Van Ruyven followed the butler up the wide stairs, inwardly amused at his own trepidation. It was most absurd, he told himself, for a man to feel as he did under these circumstances. There were certainly no logical grounds for his vague fears. Still there was the haunting possibility that the bishop might raise objections. Remote this possibility was, to be sure, but none the less potent. Van Ruyven remembered the time there had been a case pending against him in the courts. It was a silly case, trumped up by an ambulance chaser. His lawyer had told him from the first it was nothing to worry about. And yet he had been more or less disturbed until the jury had brought in its verdict in his favor. His position now as he mounted the stairs in the wake of the solemn butler seemed analogous.

At the head of the stairs the butler drew aside the leather portiere, and Van Ruyven entered the big, dim study. A fire crackled cheerfully upon the hearth and sent flickering shadows dancing up and down the rows upon rows of books. Near by a green shaded lamp threw a soft light upon a table littered with books and papers.

As Van Ruyven crossed the threshold a fine figure of a man rose from his seat by the table and came forward with outstretched hand.

"Arthur, I'm glad to see you," said the bishop, with a smile that left no doubt as to the sincerity of his words. "Sit down here by the fire and give an account of yourself. I count myself in luck that you take the trouble to come up here to see me when Edith is in the house."

He drew two comfortable chairs before the fire and motioned Van Ruyven to one of them.

"Now, then, what sort of absolution do you want this time?" the bishop went on lightly, "or perhaps you came up here because you knew I'd let you smoke."

Van Ruyven smiled. "Thanks, I will smoke if you don't mind," he said, drawing out his cigar case. He selected a cigar with as much care as if the fate of an empire hung upon his choice, clipped the end and slowly lighted it. He smoked abstractedly for a moment or two before he turned to the bishop.

"The fact is," Van Ruyven began, "I have come to you tonight with a very delicate mission."

"Ah, I see." The bishop's words were formal, noncommittal, but his clean shaven, kindly face lighted up with a smile of understanding, and there was a hint of mischief in the gray eyes. Van Ruyven was looking into the fire again. He puffed nervously at the cigar.

"And this delicate mission?" the bishop suggested mildly.

"I came, sir," said Van Ruyven, speaking very slowly, "to ask you if you would have any objections to me as—as Edith's husband—that is," he amended quickly, "if Edith herself has no objections. You see, I haven't ascertained that as yet."

The bishop straightened himself in his chair. With his broad shoulders and his iron gray hair he was a decidedly imposing man. Just now he regarded his guest with an odd expression, half of affection, half of amusement.

"So you came to me first," he said quietly. "Rather a rare procedure in these degenerate days. You show a delicate deference, sir, to certain ideas that I inherit from my ancestry on the other side of the Mason and Dixon line. I think I shall have to index you as a master tactician," he ended playfully.

"Then you have no objections in the matter?" asked Van Ruyven.

"Bless my soul, no," laughed the bishop, "and if I read Edith rightly she has none either."

He leaned forward in his chair and regarded the younger man intently. His face became suddenly grave.

"There is something about Edith, however, that I must confide to you," he said, "something that no one alive knows save I, myself. Under the circumstances, Arthur, you should know it too. I disclose it under the seal of the confessional as something you must never mention at any time nor under any stress."

Van Ruyven bent his head slowly in acknowledgment of his obligation.

"Edith," said the bishop very gently, as if even the confession of it cost him a pang, "is not my own child."

Van Ruyven sat up in surprise. "Not your child?" he repeated incredulously.

"No," said the bishop. "Years ago, when I was in charge of a very humble country parish, she was left on the steps of the rectory one night, a tiny mite, wrapped in an old horse blanket. We intended at first to send her to an asylum, but there was something about those big dark eyes and those tiny arms even then that cried out to us. You know there were never any children of our own, and she came to fill the vacant niche in our lives." He paused a moment and smiled reminiscently. "I thought you ought to know of this, even if"—

"My dear bishop," Van Ruyven interrupted, "I doubt if she could have been really more yours had she been born to you. Why, she has your ideas and your traits. She even has your penetrating way of looking at one."

"I don't think the accident of her birth has made very much difference with her or with me," the bishop said. "My own daughter could not have been more to me, Arthur." The bishop's eyes were moist in his earnestness. "She has never once disappointed me. Even her intentions seem to be mine."

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There was a commotion downstairs, then the sound of footsteps on the polished stairs and a vigorous knock on the lintel. The portiere was whisked aside, and an excited maid came into the room—so excited that she gave no heed to the bishop's frown of mild reproof at her unseemly entrance.

"Plaze, sor," she gasped, "Miss Edith do be wantin' yer downstairs at wance, sor. They's been a baby lift on the doorstip."

The bishop almost sprang from his chair. "A what?" he said.

"A baby, sor, lift on the doorstip, sor."

"There seems something almost ominous in this coincidence, Arthur," he said nervously. "Pardon me a moment. I'll be back directly."

After the bishop had left the room Van Ruyven tiptoed cautiously into the hall and peered over the banisters. It was indeed a strange group that stood in the hall below—Mrs. Briggs, the housekeeper, with the much swathed foundling in her arms; Edith, tall and stately, standing near by, her arms and neck showing like ivory against the dark tapestry on the wall; the bishop peering into the depths of the old shawl that wrapped the child; two maids craning over his shoulder and the statuesque Higgins explaining to such as cared to listen how he had come to find the bundle when he had answered the bell.

"And what'll we do with it?" asked Mrs. Briggs when Higgins' tale of woe had come to an end.

"Do?" said Edith. "Why, we'll take it to the home, of course."

"My dear," the bishop remonstrated mildly, "why not keep it here with us? To take it to the home seems to me to be very much like casting it into outer darkness. Of course we can't look after all the waifs, but suppose we take this one, who has been left at our very door, and give it a chance in the world."

Edith laughed unsympathetically. "Why, father, dear, what a silly idea," she began. "Of course we can't keep it."

"'Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these,'" quoted the bishop.

"A very pretty sentiment," said the girl, "but most unpractical. You haven't the least idea what instincts this child may have. You would probably give it every advantage in the world only to have it disappoint you at every turn. It would probably grow up a most ungrateful little wretch. They always do."

Van Ruyven tiptoed back into the study and sat down before the fire. He heard the group below go into the reception room, and their voices came up to him inarticulately. For a time he sat there, smoking in a preoccupied manner. Then he heard Edith's voice in the hall below giving orders to the servants.

"Higgins, telephone for the carriage, and Mrs. Briggs get on your things, please, and be ready when it comes. We'll take the child to the home. I'll go with you. I can't conceive why father had such absurd notions about keeping it here."

A little later the front door slammed, there was a rumble of carriage wheels without, and then Van Ruyven heard the bishop's steps slowly ascending the stairs. He came into the study and stood for awhile looking silently into the fire.

"Did you hear it?" he asked at length, turning abruptly to Van Ruyven. The younger man nodded. The bishop sank rather heavily into his chair.

"She's not mine! I was mistaken!" he burst out. "She is no daughter of mine, after all!"

Van Ruyven rose. "I think I'd best go now," he said simply. "Please don't tell Edith that I have been here nor why I came."

The bishop looked at him narrowly. "It will be hard for her," he said, "but I think you are justified."

Suddenly the bishop's head drooped. There was a stifled sound very like a sob.

"She said it would grow up an ungrateful little wretch, and she was right, Arthur; she was right."

Salt.

The other day the writer saw a young girl upset some salt at the table and then pick up a pinch and throw it over her left shoulder. She said that if she didn't she would quarrel with her best friend. It seemed silly to think that the spilling of the salt was going to make the quarrel, and it seemed just as silly to think that the tossing of some of it in a certain direction was going to help matters. But, like most old superstitions, there is some reason back of it.

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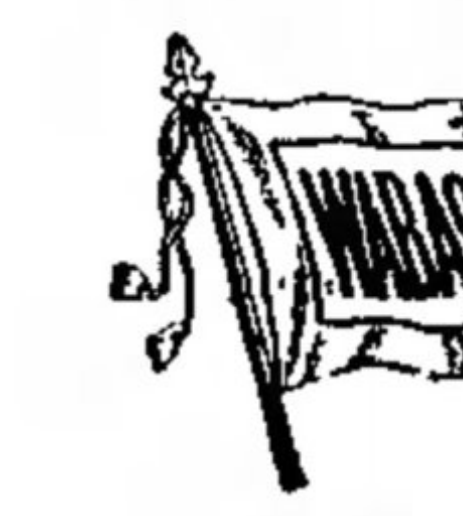

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Unconscious Beauty

[Original.]

There was once a king whose queen had been so vain of her beauty that he directed that their only child, a daughter, should be kept from seeing her own features as long as possible. The queen died when the little princess, Henrietta, was an infant, and the king placed the child in one of his palaces, where she was brought up in charge of her aunt, the Duchess Margaret. Not a mirror was permitted in the palace, and the king ordered the water in the artificial lakes and basins with which the spacious grounds abounded to be drawn off, for fear the princess should catch the reflection of her face. From time to time the duchess was required to make reports to the king concerning her charge.

"The princess is growing to be very beautiful," the duchess reported when Henrietta was sixteen years old, "and is absolutely unconscious of her charms."

"Tell her," replied the king, "that she is very homely."

The order was obeyed. The princess, who up to this point had not thought of her own appearance, was seized with a desire to see what she looked like, and the duchess was obliged to double the obstructions she had thrown in the way of her doing so, but in time Henrietta began to consider that the sight of her ugliness would only distress her, and she made a vow never to see a reflection of her face.

When she was twenty her father died suddenly, and she became queen. Those near her at once broke the secret of her beauty to her, but she would not believe them. "Now that I am queen you are all disposed to flatter me," she said, "and, though I be uglier than Medusa, you would make me believe I am beautiful as Venus." Her first edict was that any one being instrumental in showing her her features should at once be beheaded.

Many neighboring princes proposed for the hand of the queen, but she, believing in her ugliness, feared that when they came to see her they would be shocked, and she would listen to none of them.

Now, Queen Henrietta, having no strong minister to assist her in governing or to foil her enemies, soon became a prey to a coalition of kings who formed an alliance to invade her kingdom, conquer it and divide it among them. The queen did the best she could to stem the tide that set in against her; but, having no general on whom she could rely, her forces were beaten, and there was every prospect that her kingdom would soon belong to her covetous neighbors. For some time a young officer, Theodorus, had been rising through merit alone from one command to another, and at last the queen decided to appoint him her general in chief. She had never seen him—indeed, she knew nothing of him except what he had accomplished in her service.

Meanwhile she was so troubled about her affairs that no one dared risk being instrumental in showing her that she was beautiful instead of ugly, for in her present mood even the discovery that she had been mistaken might lead her to deal unmercifully with her informer.

No sooner had the young general come to the supreme command than the tables were turned against the queen's enemies. In a series of battles in which he displayed not only great vigor and generalship, but personal bravery, he routed the armies of his foes, laid waste their own kingdoms and annexed them to the kingdom of his sovereign.

When the war was over great preparations were made at the capital to receive the victorious army. Even before his arrival the queen made Theodorus a prince, but this was only the beginning of the honors that were to be given him. He marched home with that portion of his army not needed to control the newly acquired kingdoms and rode at its head on its entry into the capital. The queen had directed that a throne be placed on the spacious elevation forming a front to her palace upon which to receive the young hero. For fear he might break the law in showing her her supposed ugliness and thus lose his head she sent him a copy of the edict embroidered on velvet. Upon his arrival at the palace he threw himself from his horse before the throne and was about to kneel at the queen's feet when he was startled at sight of her transcendent beauty. Then, instead of kneeling, he thrust his polished shield before her face. The effect was electrical. The queen gazed for a moment at her features, then, rising from her throne, knelt at her subject's feet.

"Be thou king," she said. "I am no longer worthy to be queen, for you have disobeyed my edict, and as your sovereign I should be obliged to behead you. That I cannot do."

Theodorus, raising her, led her back to the throne, then knelt before her.

"Gracious queen," he said, "I am ready as ever to die in your service. In the field I served an unseen sovereign, facing death from a sense of duty. Now that I behold your august loveliness and have given you a sight of it, I am ready to pay the penalty. I await your majesty's executioner."

Then the queen ordered another throne to be brought, and amid the huzzas of the people ordered the prince she had created to sit upon it beside her and the heralds to proclaim him king, thus signifying her royal will that he should be her husband.

The reign of Theodorus and Henrietta was the most glorious that had ever taken place in the kingdom.

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WEBSTER NOTES.

Dr. J. P. Five was in Monessen this morning on business.

Mrs. August Berg, of Monessen, was in town today visiting friends

Zoegsmitt, the cigar man of Monongahela, was in town today on business.

Miss Leeta Smith and Miss Nettie Thomas, of Pittsburg, were visiting relatives in town.

"First For Keeps" is now heard all over town the small boys are taking advantage of the pretty weather.

Lawn McCune, of Ohio, will return to town tomorrow and will again be employed by R. L. McMahan, the grocer.

The farmers who owing to the bad weather are back with their spring work will now be able to catch up if "this" only lasts.

The sale of pastry which was held at the store of Frank Brown Saturday und r auspices of M. E. Church was quite a success a very pleasing sum being realized.

Addressed P. E. Congregation.

Rev. Chas. Speere, of Calvary Parish Pittsburg, addressed the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in opera house hall yesterday afternoon, Rev. Speers advocated a fund celebrating the establishment of the church in America which occured at Jamestown Va., in 1607 Rev. Speers has recently been ordained from the Presbyterian denomination and delivered a very strong address.

Ye Olde Lynne Lochne.

There will be an Olde Lynne Lochne held in the Presbyterian Church Friday evening April 6 and a good time is assured all who attend. If you are desirious of spending a pleasant evening come and bring "her or him" along.

Z. Kemper Wins First Prize.

Z. Kemper won first prize at the shooting gallery last week with a score of 45 out of a possible 50. Hope Loughner was second. Interest is steadly increasing and as prizes will again be awarded some phenominal score are expected.

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Up a Shot Tower.

"It was a strange experience," said the huntsman. "As I ascended the spiral stairs of the tower I saw shot falling, like rain, around me. The shot tower was 200 feet high. At its base there was a tank of water for the shot to drop into. If it fell on the earth, you know, it would be flat instead of round. On top of the tower was a huge boiler filled with molten lead. The manager ladled the lead into a percolator, a kind of strainer, and thence it fell into the cistern of cold water 200 feet below. It took it three seconds to fall. They made different sizes of shot on the tower by using different percolators—big holes for big shot, small holes for fine shot, and so on. The water in the cistern had to be changed every little while. It would have become so hot otherwise that it would have kept the shot soft." New Orleans Times-Democrat.

They Rarely Fell Trees.

Most of the Spaniards dislike to fell trees or cut live timber of any sort, and this fact perhaps accounts for the giant trees of California. The Spaniards two centuries ago pushed their way through Mexico to California, and, save the clearing of paths through the dense forests, not a twig did their axes chop down. Nor do the Spaniards transplanted to the new world ever destroy timber. They continue to build their houses of stone and mortar, at great expense of money and physical exertion, when timber in abundance surrounds them, out of which they could construct log houses, as did other pioneers, at a minimum of cost and labor. The Spaniard does not even fell trees for firewood, but picks up dead limbs as they fall to the ground or pulls them from the trees with his lariat.—London Express.

The Victoria Cross.

The intrinsic value of the Victoria cross, the most highly prized decoration in army and navy, is about 1½ pence. It was instituted by royal warrant on Jan. 29, 1856, as a reward of gallantry of all ranks, and the first presentation (of sixty-two crosses) was made by the late Queen Victoria in person on Friday, June 26, 1857. It is in the shape of a Maltese cross and is made to this day out of metal from old Russian cannon captured at Sevastopol.—St. James' Gazette.

Suspicious Directors.

"Our cashier seems to be a frugal chap."

"How so?"

"Always brings his lunch with him and eats it at his desk."

"Hum. That may be frugality and it may be fear of leaving his books. Better have him investigated at once."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

THE MEETING OF THE AMAZONS

[Original.]

"General," said the aid-de-camp, riding up to his commander, "I have given your order to the general of the woman's brigade to storm the forts on the hill, but she delays to advance."

"What's the trouble?"

"The field officers of the different regiments are engaged in conversation at the general's headquarters, and it seems impossible for them to bring their words to a close."

"Do they dare discuss the feasibility of an assault?" asked the general angrily.

"No, sir."

"Then what are they talking about?"

"They run from one topic to another, like robins hopping over a newly plowed field."

"Are there other troops in that vicinity?"

"Yes, the Fourth brigade of the Sixth division, the best men in the army. They were to attack the enemy's left wing, but the amazons have blocked the way.

The general scowled and rubbed his chin. The problem was a serious one, but he was full of resources.

"Captain," he said presently, "go at once and inform the general of the Woman's brigade that the forts on the hill command the village of L. If the forts are taken the village will fall into our possession. There are large shops in L. which will be held exclusively for the amazons to plunder."

Putting spurs to his horse the aid galloped away. In half an hour he returned, and, saluting respectfully, said:

"The forts are taken, sir."

"Good! Of course after the amazons left a clear way the 'best men in the army' attacked the enemy's left as I directed?"

"No, general."

"What! Did this commander disobey the order?"

"No, general. The men were unable to move. They had been standing so long while the amazons talked that their legs would not support them."

"Poor fellows!" muttered the general. "Direct the commissary to push forward a dozen barrels of whisky to revive them."

The aid rode away, and another galloped up and addressed the general excitedly:

"The amazons have taken the forts!"

"Yes, I know that."

"It was a marvelous feat. They were in danger of being cut to pieces, of having their flank turned and of falling into an ambush of a hundred masked guns."

"And did they quail?"

"Not at all; they seemed unconscious of the danger. They took the works in ten minutes."

"And did they hold them?"

"That's what I am sent by my general to report. Having driven the enemy, the amazons rushed wildly down to the shops, leaving the works they had taken without even a corporal's guard. The enemy have returned and have turned the guns on the village, concentrating their fire on the shops."

"I hope," said the general angrily, "the amazons' escape has been cut off."

"They do not wish to escape. Their general ordered them out of the shops, but the order was drowned by the babel of tongues. The turmoil is greater than the army has experienced since the Tenth regiment of men broke into a wholesale liquor house and drank up a hundred barrels of rum."

"Go back and tell your general to turn his artillery on the shops. Perhaps that, in connection with the enemy's guns, will restore the women to their senses."

"He has done it, and it has failed."

"H'm," said the general after some thought. "I will order a general advance of the army. We will leave the shops in rear, and when the goods have been all appropriated perhaps the amazons will return to duty."

With wild huzzas, the men dashed forward, captured the encircling hills, and in half an hour the enemy were flying down the opposite declivities. Sending the Seventh corps d'armee in pursuit, the general surrounded the shops with the Eighth division. The amazons, seeing that they were about to be deprived of their prey before it was all appropriated, rallied on the center for resistance. All their ammunition had been expended in their capture of the forts, but they fired buttons, hairpins, buckles, garter clasps—indeed, all the small articles they found on the counters. After these were exhausted they broke up larger articles and fired the fragments. Their ordnance officer was proceeding to break the looking glasses for the same purpose when he was shot dead by the beautiful colonel of the Forty-second regiment.

At this juncture the general-in-chief rode up and, seeing his men needlessly decimated, gave orders to withdraw and leave the amazons to finish their plundering. At sunset their general ordered them to form in the main street, and they did so, each soldier loaded down with bundles. In order to remove this plunder they had left their rifles in the shops. The general-in-chief, thinking to capture them, readily ordered the men to surround them, but the women had armed themselves with hatpins, with which they charged, encumbered as they were, and routed their would be captors.

Foiled, the general resorted to a last expedient. He ordered forward the "six foot brigade," composed of the handsomest men in the army, without arms. In ten minutes these soldiers were carrying the bundles of the amazons, the latter marching beside them in perfect order.

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